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RALLY FOR THE REPUBLIC

Boston Common – November 18, 2017

Boston, MA, October 30, 2017– Resist Marxism would like to correct the record regarding the events pertaining to the Rally for the Republic. There have been several incorrect statements made by Mayor Marty Walsh and other public officials.

On September 18th we applied for a permit for the Parkman Bandstand. The date of November 18th was chosen because it was one of the few Saturdays in the fall which the website indicated was not already booked. Per the permit guide on the Parks and Recreation website, “An email within 10 business days will be sent for approval or denial of your request”. We never received an email within 10 business days approving or denying the request. In fact, the request was not denied until October 26th, more than 25 business days later and after we had begun working with the department on the permit.

It is unfortunate that the city has decided to drag Camp Harborview and their event into all of this. We discussed this in our negotiations and the city continued to work with us for a permit on the date of November 18th. If the race was already permitted and would be in any way affected by our rally, then why did the department take so long to deny the request? Also, why was the date still available on the website when other dates were not? In the letter the department offered us a date of Sunday, November 19th after we already made it clear that many people were traveling from out of state so the event would need to take place on a Saturday.

Since we have a right to peaceably assemble under the 1st Amendment, we decided to proceed with planning the event without the knowledge of whether the event would be permitted., We reached out to speakers and patriots from across the nation who made flight and hotel arrangements. At this late date, it is now too late to move the event to another day.

Mayor Marty Walsh told the media that it is disappointing and that our group has no message. This is ironic considering that in August the Mayor stated that Boston rejects the message of the free speech rally. What is disappointing is that our message of a patriotic themed rally to celebrate America, support the Constitution, and honor veterans would be so controversial and so distasteful to the Mayor. There are many veterans, including some of the organizers, who will be in attendance and simply want to exercise their 1st Amendment rights.

The first free speech rally occurred in May without major controversy. If Mayor Walsh is really concerned about how the road race will be affected, then we suggest that he correct his slanderous statements from August which greatly contributed to the threats and violence. For instance, he could state that he was mistaken when he equated the free speech rally with hate groups. A public statement by him telling the truth about that rally would calm the tensions surrounding the next rally. We will accept the mayor's apology whenever he is ready to give it.

It was obvious from the events in August that those on the free speech side were peaceful while the counter demonstrators were not. Other people on the Common, including the road race participants, have nothing to fear from our rally. Resist Marxism calls upon Mayor Walsh to ask counter demonstrators to stay away from the road race participants and from our rally. The counter protestors are the ones that brought violence and hate into Boston back in August. We also call upon the administration to enforce Massachusetts General Law Chapter 268 Section 34 against disguising oneself with the intent to intimidate or disrupt those exercising their rights under the Constitution. We believe many of the counter protestors who are likely to be violent will not show up if they cannot hide their faces.

Per the event page set up by Citython, the road race begins at 9:00 on the other side of the common from the bandstand, moves in the direction away from the bandstand, and is followed by a brunch. Although our activities would in no way conflict with theirs, the Rally for the Republic will be scheduled to take place after the road race event has concluded. We encourage people to attend the road race and then come on over to our rally afterwards to celebrate America.

More information about the Citython event can be found here:

<http://www.active.com/boston-ma/running/distance-running/camp-harbor-view-citython-5k-presented-by-optum-2017>

Speakers, times, and additional details about the Rally for the Republic will be published in the coming weeks. We have made available information concerning the rally on our website: ResistMarxism.org.

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